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- (a) For calendar years 2021 and 2022, a nursing home shall adopt and implement a COVID-19 testing plan for residents of the nursing home and staff who provide services to residents of the nursing home.
- (b) The COVID-19 testing plan shall ensure that residents and staff are tested for COVID-19 on a regular basis and at a frequency that is sufficient to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among residents and staff of the nursing home.
- (c) (1) The Department shall adopt regulations that set standards for a COVID-19 testing plan required under this section.
 - (2) The standards set by the Department under this subsection shall:
 - (i) Be guided by applicable federal orders and policies; and
- (ii) Include requirements for testing frequency that are reasonably related to the COVID-19 testing positivity rate in the local jurisdiction in which a nursing home is located.

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